MRS. LAKE WAS PERFORMER AND MANAGER FOR MANY YEARS.

tirst Woman Owner of a Circus in America. wild Bill" Hickock Dies in Jersey ony-Gave Balley His First Boost

Mrs. Agnes Hickock, better known as Mrs Agnes Lake, died on Wednesday even-791 Montgomery street, Jersey the residence of her son-in-law, Gil son, who was the son of the old time man, John Robinson, Mrs. Lake ld have been 81 years old to-day. She fiel of infirmities incident to old age. She he first woman owner of a circus in this country and was the first to adapt drama to the circus ring, producing version of "Mazeppa," in which she took the best slack wire performer the sawdust ring ever saw. She was also an unusually skilled rider. Her daughter, Emma Lake, Mrs. Robinson, has always been regarded as the best "high school" woman in the country.

Mrs Lake was born in Doehme, Alsace 1826. Her parents' name was Mersman nev came to this country when she was it four years old and settled in Cincinnati. One brother later went to St. Louis. there he died several years ago, a million A sister married into the Katterhorn amily of Cincinnati, a family well known n the grocery trade in that city. When Agnes was about 17 there came to the famous Spalding & Rogers circus. had with it an attractive young fellow named Lake, who was a clown. In those lays a clown was a man of keen wit, well cated, good looking and a fairly good He was the stamp of man that rt jesters used to be made of. Agnes ell in love with him. They ran away and were married. From that time on her life

Spalding & Rogers's show was one of the floating palaces" that went down the and Mississippi rivers, tying up at and little towns and at plantations where thousands of slaves could be assembled. A tug towed the outfit, which ensisted of an enormous barge on which the ring was set and also big enough to erect several hundred seats. It was a paving business. The young bride got red of doing nothing on these journeys, and nder her husband's directions she pracused for a slack wire performance and soon recame so expert at it that she was known throughout the circus world as the greatest

was linked inseparably with the circus.

of the well known family of Bordentown

husband's real name was Thatcher,

For nearly fifteen years she worked with her husband. They saved their money and in the late fifties her husband formed a partnership with John Robinson and Robinson & Lake's circus followed. This partnership lasted for about three years, when each cartner went his way and Lake started a circus of his own

it was of the old time variety, with forty er fifty wagons, the performers sleeping on the wagons at night as they went from grous there had been a small boy named Gordon, picked up in a hotel at Pontiac. Mich., to help out Fred Bailey, one of the chief employees. He took Bailey's name When the Lake show became eventually. one of itself Mrs. Lake insisted, against her busband's judgment, in making the young fellow, who had now grown up, general egent of the show. That young fellow was e late James A. Bailey of the Barnum & alley show. Mrs. Lake continued to perm in the show. She not only walked slack wire but rode in the ring on a rited horse and helped out in the manage-The Lakes had a beautiful he ck of Covington, Ky., across the river om Cincinnati, and there Mrs. Lake taught only daughter, Emma, how to ride.
the early '60s the great actress, Adah wacs Menken, had caused a furore in this

untry and Europe by her performances "Mazeppa" Mrs. Lake knew her and a time in Cincinnati the Robinsons had it Mrs. Menken a horse for her theatre twhen her own horse had broken down. Lake studied the "Mazeppa" play ully, and being able to speak German to Berlin and played the part in the tres for a winter with great success. husband remained at home to run the us. When Mrs. Lake came back she dapted the play to the circus ring. She bught with the Prince and at the proper me was tied on the white horse, which as trained to dash madly around the ring everal times, and finally run into the side at It was a great hit and the Lakes made lost of management.

Lake circus used to strike out for The Lake circus used to strike out for lar was then known as the Far West, many and Colorado. The circus stopped Granby, Mo., one day, and while there ike had trouble with a desperado named ke Killen, who had had one eye shot out a Western encounter. They used to give a concert after the show. Killen had not ought a ticket and insisted on staying, ske had him put out. Lake was at the int door watching his wife take in the cases of new customers when Killen taked up behind him and shot him through the heart. Killen was tried, but served only ed up behind him and shot him through eart. Killen was tried, but served only three years for it. When he got out ent after the man who had shot his out. The other fellow saw Killen first troubled circus shows and the world

Lake then went on with the show ade money. One day out in Abilene.
Wild Bill Higkock, the law and
man for frontier towns, good fellow
lly, with a lot of notches on his gun,
sight of Mrs. Lake. It was love
sight. This was in the early sevenHe said he was going to marry here said he was going to marry her.
I was always sent for when the
Pacific railroad was advancing
the plains to deal with the "bad men." killed nine soldiers himself in a row. He was cut up and shot and be dragged himself for miles across down before that terrible gun of his. as quiet, unassuming, but brave as

ock kept on Mrs. Lake's trail. He ckock kept on Mrs. Lake's trail. He e to her and went to see her as often ossible. Wild Bill had a protégé named Cody and had got him a job with the secuts, which was Wild Bill's occurring in the old days. Cody afterward Mrs. Lake's daughter, Mrs. Robinson, Europe with his Wild West show and her ride before Queen Victoria, and of Mrs. Robinson's treasures to-day me dried flowers of the bouquet which Queen sent to her. Cody thought so his Mrs. Robinson that he presented er a silver mounted bridle made from scalps and hair of Indians that he rad discourse the source of the silver mounted bridle made from scalps and hair of Indians that he rad discourse the source of t

She was rich and invested her in a lithographic concern in Cin-The panic came on and she lost iollar of her fortune. She got a tith the Great Eastern Circus. She daughter gave an exhibition of ng. They made two rings for exhibit and it was the first time ring circus was ever seen in

Bill vinsisted on marrying Mrs. were wedded. They were er and he drifted up to Deadich had just become known, as a

ake came east to Covington the summer to be present at an in-event in her daughter's family, the there received word that Wild been killed by Jack McCall, a c, who said that Hickock had ed his brother, which was not true interest at Deadwood with Richardson of this city and two

AN OLD CIRCUS QUEEN DEAD

others. The rest of the outfit were in a gambling salcon when they heard a shot. They ran to the tent and found that Bill had a builet in his head. It was said to have been the first time that Bill had ever sat down with his back to a door. McCall sneaked up and killed him cowardly. He was caught and hanged for it.

The next spring the widow went out there and erected a monument to his memory. Then she and her daughter came East and settled in Jersey City, largely because Linda Zeal's practising building was there, and Mrs. Robinson, her daughter, could practise riding in the winter and keep her horses schooled. They had lived on the Heights ever since, making few friends and attracting little attention.

Mr. Robinson prospered in the lithographing business, in which he is still engaged in this city, and the old lady made her home with him. She talked almost constantly of the circus. It was breath to her nostrils. Up to two years ago she attended the circus regularly every year, but she used to lament about the distracting three ring shows. They were not the old time circuses. The clowns were merely men who fell down and not men of wit like her first husband. It was quantity and not quality, she used to say, that made the circuses of these days. She was very domestic. She took charge of the linen and the darning in Mr. Robinson's home, and only on Sunday last she was darning stockings.

Mrs. Lake's body will be put in a vault in Jersey City and in the fall will be taken to Cincinnati for burial. She was a devout Catholic. There will be no public services here because it is feared that it might attract the attention of the morbid. Many of the old time circus people ent messages of sympathy to the house yesterday.

NO TRUE AMERICAN' A ZIONIST. Citizenship With String to It, Says Jacob H.

Schiff, of Those in the Movement. Jacob H. Schiff has written a letter to Dr. Solomon Schechter, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, in which the banker declares that a true American cannot be a Zionist. The letter was written in reply to one by Prof.

Mr. Schiff's letter in part is as follows:

Speaking as an American I cannot for moment concede that one can be at the same time a true American and an honest adherent of the Zionist movement. The men whom you mention by name may have or may have had, as far as they have passed away, the thorough conviction of a deep attachment to this country, but if they are honest Zion-ists—I mean if they believe and hope and abor for an ultimate restoration of Jewish political life and the reestablishment of a Jewish nation-they place a prior lien upon heir citizenship, which, if there would be a possibility for their desire and plans to become effective, would prevent them from maintaining allegiance to the country of which they now claim to be good citizens. The Jew should not for a moment feel that he has only found an asylum in this country; he must not feel that he is in exile and that his abode here is only a temporary or passing one. If those who come after us are to be freed from the prejudice from which thi generation is, not unnaturally, suffering, we need feel that politically no one has any claim upon us but the country of which, of even if we are Jews in faith there is no string

FEDERATION SCHOOLS CLOSE. Anecdotes of the Smartness of Tony and the Gentus of Gypsy.

The summer schools of the New York Federation of Churches had commencement exercises yesterday in Wanamaker's torium were hung more than four hundred articles of handiwork of the children Hammocks, lawn tennis nets, raffia baskets, pillows, hats and reed work were there, all made during the summer.

Pupils in the schools gave examples of rills yesterday. A quartet from the De Witt Memorial School at 240 Rivington street sang under the leadership of its organizer, Gypsy. The teachers said that Gypsy did not care to go to school until he neard that there would be music. Then he said he'd come and bring his quartet. poys like himself. They sang fairly well, too.

The Second Avenue Church, not to be outdone by Gypsy, produced Tony, an Italian lad, who was fitted out with new clothing the day he started to school at the expense of a teacher. The next day he appeared in his rags again. When questioned, he said: "I hocked 'em. I ain't goin' to be no dude." There are fifteen schools in the federation and the summer's avenues." and the summer's enrolment was 4,194.
It is the third year of the schools. The superintendents say they will have many more pupils next year.

CAPT. HIRSHINGER ON TRIAL. Court-Martial for Marine Quartermaster in

Connection With a Sergeant's Pilfering. The court-martial of Capt. Herbert J. Hirshinger of the United States Marine Corps for neglect of duty in connection with the robbery of \$3,000 worth of goods from the Brooklyn navy yard was begun on Wednesday and wound up yesterday.

Capt. Hirshinger was post quartermaster at the yard some months ago, when a quartermaster sergeant named Grogan sold the Government property in his charge to outside parties and then deserted. The court of inquiry exonerated Capt. Hirsh-inger, but the Washington authorities disapproved the finding and ordered the

Capt. Hirshinger was able to show both by his own witnesses and those for the prosecution that his duties were so onerous that he was unable to maintain a continued and close personal watch over the goods in the quartermaster's department. It was contended that his duties as purchasing agent for Cuba and the Panama Canal strip were so pressing that he was necessarily absent from the clothing room for a great part of his time and that it was necessary to trust the keys to subordinates. It was shown that Sergeant Grogan had a fine record during his seventeen years service and was trusted generally.

RECEIVER FOR LYONS'S PLACE. Restaurant Keeper Adjudged in Bank-

A receiver was appointed yesterday for Lyons's restaurant at 259 and 261 Bowery. which was closed up on Monday by Deputy Sheriff Cullen on two executions aggregating \$522.

The bankruptcy proceedings brought against George W. Lyons, who brought against George W. Lyons, who bought the restaurant last January from his father, Michael S. Lyons, by these creditors: Charles Clark, \$797, for fruit and vegetables; John Walker, \$500, for fish, and David Saqui, \$118, for cigars. The petitioners decared that Lyons paid other creditors and delivered to one creditor a chattel mortgage on the restaurant fixtures besides allowing the restaurant to be closed on a joint judgment of two creditors. They asserted that this constituted an act of bankruptcy.

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Marshall S. Hagar was appointed receiver by Judge Holt, and gave a bond for \$2,500. The assets are estimated at \$5,000. The Sheriff received two more executions against the restaurant yesterday in favor of the Muhlenberg Coal Company, \$449, and the Casa Cigar Company, \$125.

HAYWOOD NOT COMING EAST.

Says His Physical Condition is Such That He Couldn't Stand Handshaking.

MINWAUKEE, Wis., Aug. 22.-William D. Haywood, recently acquitted at Bolse of complicity in the murder of ex-Gov. Steuevent in her daughter's family, there received word that Wild been killed by Jack McCall, a do, who said that Hickock had do his brother, which was not true pried a tent at Deadwood with Hichardson of this city and two hichardson of this city and two his property of the her received with his brother, which was not true pried a tent at Deadwood with Hichardson of this city and two hichardson of this city and two his property her and property health. He has been in Milwaukee since health. He said to-day that he needs rest and quiet. He said:

"I am returning to Denver because I don't feel like shaking 10,000 hands as often as I'd be obliged to do if I continued my trip." nenberg, will not go East because of poor

LIVE TOPICS ABOUT TOWN. It was a crosstown car and the sun shone right down in her eyes. When the conducfor came to collect the fares she pointed to the shades and, in a cold harsh tone, said,

Pull that curtain down."

The conductor paid no attention to her. Again she spoke to him, this time a little ouder, but the conductor was very busy just then collecting fares in another part of the car. As the conductor passed her on the way back to the platform he was met

the way back to the platform he was met with:

"Conductor, pull that curtain down.
What are you waiting for?"

"I am waiting for you to say please, madam," said he. Her face flamed up, but she was true blue.

"I should have said please, I know," said she, very softly, "and I beg your pardon."

That curtain came down with a bang and the rest of the passengers nodded and smiled to themselves as if they felt better.

A grocer ordered a lower grade of eggs

than usual from a wholesaler.
"They are for shampooing," he explained and almost every woman wants only the cheapest variety.
"I want them for a shampoo only,' the customer says. 'It isn't worth while to buy the best eggs for that.'"

An example of how a big construction company economizes on its various jobs is afforded by present operations by the concern building the Belmont tunnel under the East River at Forty-second street, which also is doing a section of the new Sixth avenue tunnel. At the foot of Forty-second avenue tunnel. At the foot of Forty-second street the company has a compressed air plant. Instead of erecting another plant for its Sixth avenue contract it ran a line of pipe along Forty-second street to the subway at Park avenue, where a connection was made with a line that was used by the company when it was helping to build the subway. At Sixth avenue the connection was picked up again and the pipe carried on the elevated structure down to Thirteenth street, where the company's men are working now. Thus the air that drives the drills deep under ground at Thirteenth street briginates at the foot of East Forty-second street, almost two miles away.

"Did you intend to give me this?" asked a steward on one of the steamers of a woman passenger who had just tipped him. "This' was a bright new penny.

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The woman, looking amazed and embarrassed, said: "No, I didn't give you that; I gave you a two dollar and la half gold piece—didn't I?"

"That's what I thought you meant to give me. I was sure you had made a mistake," said the man. The woman, with an apology, took the penny and gave him a gold piece then she went back to her stateroom to count her money and to try to understand.

It came to her all right. She remembered two years before on her homeward trip a fellow passenger had told how the ateward had come to her with a new penny, given him by mistake, the steward said, and she had made it good.

It was a little late then—she had been an "easy mark" and she knew it—and it wouldn't do a bit of good to object. She did tell the purser, who promised to investigate. She knew, too, what that meant.

So far the night police court has failed to perform one of the functions for which at least a few persons think it was created the marrying of couples who are too busy to be wedded in the daytime. Once a Magis-strate who had no scruples against of pat-ing said that he couldn't take the me, while another couple found a Magistrate who never performs marriage ceremonies. There will be a wedding in the court some-time however.

There was no male passenger on the Manhattan Beach train yesterday," said a patron of that line. "so I asked the conductor for a match."
"I haven't a match, but I can give you a light if you have some paper," was the

reply.

The paper was produced. The conductor opened the box containing the electric switches, and lifting one of them got a long spark that ignited the paper.

"That is a trick not known to every conductor." said the passenger, "for I frequently

ductor," said the passenger, "for I frequently have supplied matches to train hands so that they could light their warning lamps."

A Brooklyn woman used one of the Coler street signs as an inducement to rent her rooms to night workers who sleep or try to sleep during the morning hours. She said in the advertisement that her house is on a "hospital street, where you mus walk your horses and make no unnecessary noise under penalty of the law."

REILLY, HE'S BACK. The Navy Welcomes Him-He's Good at

Figures, for All His Sprees. Edwin Cunningham Reilly is going back

to work. Reilly is a paymaster's yeoman on the battleship Ohio. He went away on the battleship Ohio. He went away ten days ago and overstayed his leave. The Central Office was appealed to and Lieuts. Sullivan and O'Brien were sent to look for him. They knew Reilly, having taken him back to the navy before. Last night they nabbed him in Higgins's Hotel, in Lexington avenue.

Reilly, who showed the effects of an intimacy with firewater, said he would return gladly, and he was escorted to the receiving ship Hancock at the Brooklyn navy yard. The navy seemed glad to get him back.

Up to 1904 Reilly was cashier of a bank

Up to 1904 Reilly was cashier of a bank it Sandy Hill, N. Y., and the gayety of sandy Hill was too much for him. The sandy fill was too much for him. The navy got him and he won promotion rapidly. However, his old recklessness comes over him once or twice a year and then the navy has to look for Reilly. He is punished usually with a slap on the wrist and back he goes on the ship's accounts.

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WIFE SAYS SHE'LL RUN AWAY AGAIN IF HE ISN'T GOOD.

The Rev. Mr. Wheden, Who Went Away With Her and Stayed Six Days, Won't Tell Where They Were-Their Plan to Care Mr. Moffett's Violent Temper.

Charles W. Moffett of 545 Bergen street, Brooklyn, seems to have learned his lesson since his cretty seventeen-year-old wife, Anna, gave him a full dose of the "absent reatment," as prescribed by her platonic friend and spiritual adviser, the Rev. Asbury S. Whedon. She returned as she had gone, with the platonic friend, and both smiled when they were asked where they had been. In a general kind of way the minister announced that he and Mrs. Moffet had not been out of the city; that they had not been together, and that they would go again if Mr. Moffett wasn't the

best boy ever.

Mr. Moffett fervently declared that he would be, and wanted to pray, but the minister sent him into another room, whence came his apologetic commentaries upon the closed the door. After that the Rev. Mr. Whedon told a story of having married Anna to Charley in the Bethel Gospel Lighthouse, at Myrtle avenue and Hart street. He had known Charley and had been in business with him for several years before the nuptials. As superintendent of the mission he was also well known to Anna, and the mutual friendship inspired the newly wedded couple to invite their fatherly adviser and friend to share their home.

This was agreeable to the Rev. Mr. Whedon, who loves young people and has ideas of his own about home life. He began to apply these theories soon after the ding, which occurred June 30 last. Their fulfilment was to produce a house of "perfect peace." In order to curb Charley's temper the Rev. Mr. Whedon went on various car rides and excursions with the bride, thereby applying the "absent treatment. This treatment began three weeks after the marriage. Applied persistently without effect, it was found necessary to increase the dose. Result: six days away from home on the last trip, beginning Thursday, and hubby appealing to the police, the newspapers and the Lord. Most of his appeals were prayerful, as his wife had left word that God had taken her away and God would have to bring her back. The wife and her companion returned early yesterday morning. Since then the husband has been busy apologizing to his wife and the minister for his violent temper.

When asked if God had directed her back Mrs. Moffett said: "Partially—God and Mr. Whedon." The direction was received, the marriage. Applied persistently withn." The direction was received, after the evening papers had put whedon. The direction was received, ahe said, after the evening papers had published the fact of their disappearance. She said that she had left home because of her husband's temper and gave out a written statement telling just how violent it was. She hoped it wouldn't be henceforth, but if it was she would stay away longer than ever next time. She denied an elopement—that's what it is popularly understood to be—but refused to tell where she had been, saying that she might have to

atood to be but retused to rell where she had been, saying that she might have to return to her refuge.

The minister assumed a martyrlike smile when informed that his young business partner had accused him of causing all the

"I will see," he remarked sweetly, and opened the door leading into the next room Charley cleared his throat several times when quizzed and finally excused himself by pleading great excitement. Later he issued a signed statement taking all of the

blame.

Much mollified the Rev. Mr. Whedon allowed Charley to remain in the room and conducted his conversation with such adroitness that the young husband squirmed several times and undoubtedly would have renewed his profuse apologies had not the platonic friend magnanimously dismissed the subject with a wave of the hand. He, the Rev. Mr. Whedon, told of his early life as a Methodist Episcopal minister in south Florida and said that heart trouble had forced him to retire from the strenusity. forced him to retire from the strenuosity of camp meetings and revivals. He ther took up mission work and became acquainted with Mrs. Moffett, then Miss Anna Rotter of 366 Palmetto street, Ridgewood: While conducting Lighthouse mission services he also came to know Moffett and subsequently took him into his box manufacturing business.

facturing business.

In accounting for his separation from his wife and two children the Rev. Mr. Whedon said that they prefer to live in Elizabeth, N. J., and that he has to live in Brooklyn Therefore he is compelled to satisfy himself with frequent visits to his family. He said that his wife was too sensible to let a little thing like a platonic elopement interfere with their mutual regard.

GEN, PALMER'S AUTO RUNS AWAY Chauffeur Loses Control and Mach Speeds Down Steep Hill.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Aug. 22. - Gen. William J. Palmer was very near to death Tuesday, when his big hospital automobile ran away down the long incline from the Mesa road to Glen Evrie

In some manner the chauffeur lost control of the machine and then became excited when he discovered he could not stop it. For a time the auto travelled forty miles an hour. When the bottom of the hill was reached the chauffeur managed to stop the machine. Gen. Palmer's spinal column is fractured, and the slightest jar might prove instantly

Gen. Palmer was the coolest person in the auto, and when he realized the machine was running wild he cautioned the chaf-

was running wild he cautioned the chaf-feur to keep cool.

Gen. Palmer entertained the veterans of the Fifteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry at his home last night, and the campfire did not end until ater midnight. To-day the veterans went to Cripple Creek on a special train provided by Gen. Palmer and visited the Great Portland mine.

JOHN F. GAYNOR VERY ILL. Physicians Say His Case Is Hopeless Unless He Can Be Taken Out of Jail.

Macon, Ga., Aug. 22.-John F. Gaynor, convicted in the Federal court with Capt Greene of complicity in the Savannal harbor frauds, and who is confined in jail here pending appeal to the United States

here pending appeal to the United States Supreme Court, is reported to-day as in a critical condition.

Gaynor has been ill for some time and physicians say he cannot live long unless removed from the jail. He is racked by coughing spells and has practically lost the use of his legs.

Physicians have requested the Department of Justice to allow Gaynor to be moved to a health resort, but so far no action has been taken.

Mrs. Gaynor is in Macon, and on fine days has been allowed to drive her husband about the city accompanied by a United

about the city accompanied by a United States marshal.

BREWERS UPHOLD SUNDAY LAW. St. Louis Associations Threaten to Sell No

Beer to Violators.

St. Louis, Aug. 22.-Resolutions were to-day adopted at a meeting of all the brewing interests in St. Louis condemning violations of the Sunday closing law in St.

Louis county by saloon keepers and warning them that the brewing associations will virtually boycott these lawbreakers by hereafter refusing to sell them beer.

Assistant Attorney-General John Kennish arrived here to-night to take charge of Gov. Folk's ouster proceedings against Attorney Johnston and Sheriff Herpel under the new "dereliet officials statute" for failing to enforce the Sunday laws. for failing to enforce the Sunday laws. Johnston to-day demanded of Gov. Folk the names of witnesses against him.

MOFFETT IS YERY MEEK NOW CLAIRS FIGHT OVER A CHILD. Mother Defends in Court Her Right to It

and Weeps When the Gerrys Get It. Justice Brady of the Supreme Court committed Constance Christina Clair, the sevenyear-old daughter of Carl and Christina Clair, to the care of the Gerry society yesterday pending a hearing before Lawyer James Kearney as referee as to whether the father or mother should be intrusted with its permanent care. Clair is a circus master. He and his wife sparated last May and the child has been with the mother

Constance was produced in court by Mrs. Clair in obedience to a habeas corpus writ sued out by the father, who alleged that she was not a proper person to have the care of

Mrs. Clair, a good looking young woman, had no lawyer to defend her, but conducted her own case. She denied vehemently the charge that she drank to excess, and pro-nounced as false and absurd the statement of Clair's lawyer that since leaving her hus-band she had lived as wife with a man called Edward Marwer. She said that the had left of Clair's lawyer that since leaving her hus-band she had lived as wife with a man called Edward Meyers. She said that she had left her husband for good and sufficient reasons, which she did not explain, taking the child with her, and had set up her own home, taking in boarders, of whom Meyers was

with her, and had set up her own home, taking in boarders, of whom Meyers was one.

"He neither is nor was anything to me," she added, "but just a paying boarder." In answer to a question by Justice Brady Mrs. Clair said that she had assumed the name of McGuire, not her maiden name, which is Weedon, she explained, but simply an alias, taken in order to conceal her whereabouts from her husband.

Lawyer Rogers said that Mrs. Clair had tried to extort money from her husband, under threats of taking the child away from the city. Justice Brady asked if Clair had instituted a suit for divorce, to which Rogers replied that Clair had not yet done so, but intended to. Justice Brady then asked Mrs. Clair what she had to say, and in reply she asserted her right as a mother to the custody of the child. Justice Brady reserved decision, saying that he would appoint a referee later to investigate the facts. He intrusted the child meanwhile to the mother. When Justice Brady announced late in the afternoon that Constance would have to go to the Gerry society's rooms pending the hearing before the referee Mrs. Clair became frantic. She went into hysterice as the child was taken away, but was calmed down by some friends and taken home.

Referee Kearney will begin taking testimony this morning.

WILL REVEAL GRAFT SECRETS

Accused in Pennsylvania Capitol Job Promises to Tell All.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 22.- James M. Shumaker of Johnstown, Pa., gave out a statement to-day wherein he said that he was going to tell all he knew about the Capitol candal. His statement is as follows:

"I am going on the witness stand to tell everything. I will not keep back a single secret, and when I get through I will show that a man high in official life at Harrisburg ought to go to the penitentiary.

"I have committed no wrong. The probers may be after me, but I will go after the man they are protecting. I will not spare him. I am going to tell every-thing I know. I do not propose to suffer for the sins of a scoundrel who knew the colossal graft, but refused to stop it, as I urged. I know what the graft was for, that it was to cover a Treasury shortage and save the name of a former United States Senator from Pennsylvania, now dead.

"I am anxious to go on the stand, and the sooner the better for me. I want to get myself right before the people, for, so help me God, I am an innocent man."

FOREST FIRES PARTLY CHECKED. Spread Blocked Near Racquet Lake, but Not in St. Lawrence County.

UTICA, Aug. 22.-Reports to-night from the Racquet Lake section of the Adiron dacks indicate that the forest fires which yesterday threatened the estates of J. Pierpont Morgan, Alfred G. Vanderbilt and others have been brought under control half a dozen miles from the Vanderbilt preserves. It is believed that the present vigilance will prevent any serious spread of the fires in that section.

In St. Lawrence county in the vicinity

of Gouverneur the situation is me ing. The large steam sawmill of Woodcock Bros. at South Russell and the Chauncey Gibbons farm house and buildings have been destroyed. In the vicinity of Fullersville, three miles south of Gouverneur, the entire wooded section is affame. The fire warden has called upon all available below the control of the

GERMAN LINES TO CUT RATES. Will Meet the Low Fare on the New Cunarder Lusitania. A despatch from Berlin saying that the

Cunard and the German lines had entered into a rate war in cabin passenger service

into a rate war in cabin passenger service caused a flutter among steamship folk here yesterday. Nobody connected with any of the lines involved wanted to be quoted on the subject, but there was a general impression that there was some truth in the despatch.

It is known that the Hamburg-American and North German Lloyd lines will in a few weeks reduce their minimum fare, from port to port only, on their fast steamships from \$117.50 to a lower rate, probably \$115, which is to be the fare aboard the new quadruple screw turbine Lusitania. It is said that no reductions by the German lines will take place until after the Lusitania is in commission.

J. BRANDT WALKER IN COURT. He Insists on Having Tom Woodford Held on That Assault Charge."

SARATOGA, Aug. 22.-The case of J. Brandt Walker, the hurryup millionaire, against Tom Woodford, on a charge of assault and battery by the latter against the former at Jim Reilly's Lake House Tuesday evening, was called at the Town Hall this morning. Walker still insisted that he wished to prosecute Woodford, and so the latter was held for the Grand Jury in \$2,000 bail. A bond was furnished by a local physician and Woodford was released.

It is not believed that a true bill will be found against Woodford, and the last has probably been heard of the case. FRANK P. MOTT DEAD.

Long in the Postal Service -He Was Coust of Jordan L. Mott.

Frank P. Mott, superintendent of the Station R post office, at 150th street and Third avenue, The Bronx, dropped dead Third avenue, The Bronx, dropped dead yesterday of apoplexy at Monticello, N. Y., where he was spending his vacation with his family. He was 59 years old. He was a member of the Union Republican Club and took a prominent part in political affairs in The Bronx. He had lived at 760 East 162d street since he was 2 years old. When he first went to live there the house was the second from the Harlem Bridge. He had been in the Station R post office for thirty-two years. He leaves a widow and one daughter. He was a cousir of Jordan L. Mott of the Mott Iron Works.

OBITUARY.

Frederick Joseph Nichols, who died on Tuesday at his home, 470 Willoughby avenue, Brooklyn, in his seventieth year, was the founder of the Blackburn Times in England, which recently celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. He came to this country thirty years ago and was engaged in the printing business. He leaves a widow, son and two daughters.

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Jacob B. Williams, for many years a prominent resident of Bayonne, died at his home in Neshanic, N. J., on Thursday at the age of 71. He is survived by one son, Joseph L. Williams of Bayonne. Mr. Williams came from Pittsburg in 1880 to Bayonne and constructed the Ocean Oil Works, which has since become part of the Tidewater Oil Company. He was a charter member of the Bayonne Board of Trade.

The Wanage Store

Store Closes Daily at 5 P. M. Saturdays at 12 o'Clock-

#### A News Budget for the Man With Week-End Shopping to Do

OING out of town for the week end, or off on your vacation? Or is your summer outfit getting a bit rusty, and needing a tonic? This Wanamaker Store for Men is a great builder up of a

man's wardrobe, as well as a rejuvenator. The entire main floor of the new building devoted to nothing but men's and boys' furnishings; easy to get at on four sides; ready to help you quickly, satisfactorily and economically. Let us serve you today, or Saturday morning before 12-you'll find the good things mentioned below in good supply until then:

#### Clean-Up of Men's Summer Underwear

A clearing out of the odd lots and broken sizes from our regular stock, at reductions of one-third to one-half on the most popular sorts of Summer underwear for men. Come early for best

At 25c., from 37%c and 50c.—Knee-length Drawers of white muslin or madras; white ribbed lisle thread Shirts, closed front, short sleeves. At 50c., from \$1 - Mercerized Cotton Shirts and Drawers, white and colors, Knee-length Drawers in colors.

At \$1. from \$1.50—Shirts or Drawers of fine light-weight French mer-

Men's \$1.50 and \$2 Negligee Shirts at \$1 Half price on some; a third saved on others, according to your selection. Fine high-grade shirts, that men can wear now, or all year round. Of madras, in handsome patterns and colorings, in stripes and plaids, plain bosoms. attached cuffs, coat style-shirts that men of good taste will like. Good

choosing for today and Saturday morning at \$1 each. And Pajamas—a delightfully cool, light-weight nainsook, white, with piping of red or blue. Surplice neck, pearl buttons. Four sizes—A, B, C, D. Try a couple of suits, if you want to have some real comfort on hot nights. \$1.50 a suit.

If it is worth 50c. for you to have a new Straw Hat for the rest of the season, you can pick from all we have left—except Panamas—at that ridiculous price. Mostly soft straws, and, naturally, sizes are broken.

If your vacation is late, you'll find a Soft Hat comfortable to travel in; and you'll need it before you get back. See the two new Wanamaker models—the "Ranji" and the "Orby"—stylish, individual, at \$3.50.

Then there is still good selection among the \$15 to \$30 Two-Piece Outing Suits at \$12.50, and lots of end-of-the-season prizes among the Men's Shoes.

#### Boys' New Falt Suits

The dejected look of most Summer clothing-particularly that of a hearty growing boy-is enough to suggest the new Fall suit. Here are some stylish new suits for boys of 8 to 16 years, that parents will be glad to look at. Handsome mixed cheviots, medium colors, in Norfolk and double breasted jacket style, with knickerbocker trousers. Well made, all-wool, and worth a dollar more than the price-\$6.50 a suit.

Then there are some smart Tan Reefers, for boys of 4 to 12 years, at \$5.

### Come and Choose Your Furniture TODAY

If you have made up your mind to get that sideboard or dining table, that Morris chair or brass bedstead, that chiffonier or music cabinet, and make the August saving upon it, you had better act on your intention today or tomorrow morning. It is better to buy at the August Sale than later at full prices for the same pieces and to let us hold the furniture for you if you can't take care of it now. It is better to pick it out today than to wait until next week, with the chance that the particular piece you wanted has been sold.

There is still admirable variety in styles, at about whatever price you have in mind to pay. And the beauty of it is, that your money brings you in a quarter to one-half MORE, in the value of the furniture, than it would a month earlier or later.

And every piece you buy will be a source of pleasure and gratification to you-it is all so fine, so well made, so handsome. Here is, for instance, a very pretty golden oak Bureau at \$10.50 that was \$13.50; it has a good-sized case and a French plate mirror. Another in mahogany finish is \$10.50, from \$14.50. A very pretty one

in maple, with a bird's-eye maple top, is \$14, instead of \$18. A mshogany veneered Bureau with a full swell front case is at \$15 instead of \$20. while a Colonial style in quartered golden oak is now \$20, formerly \$27. A \$40 Brass Bedstead in polish finish is now \$30. A \$50 Brass Bedstead is now \$37.50; we believe this particular bedstead to be the best value in America for the price. Two other Brass Bedsteads that were \$50, are now \$40 and \$38 respectively. A golden oak Extension Table with a 45-inch round top, is now \$12, formerly \$16. A weathered oak chiffonier, that was \$6, is now \$4.75. One in golden oak at \$8.50 was formerly \$11. A quartered golden oak Sideboard is \$23, from \$30. Another is \$27.50 instead of \$38, and still another is at \$12, instead of \$17.

And there are hundreds of other offerings equally attractive.

## JOHN WANAMAKER

Broadway, Fourth Avenue, Eighth to Tenth Street.

DEVERY BAILS HIS WEAVER. Thinks Government Should Let Smedley Stay to Teach the Lacemaker's Art.

Henry Smedley, an expert lace weaver of Nottingham, England, who has been teaching the apprentices of the Lackey Manufacturing Company of Newburgh how to make lace, was released from Ellis Island yesterday after Big Bill Devery, one of the chief stockholders in the company, had put up a bond of \$1,500. Smedley admitted that he was induced to come to New York by an advertisement printed in an English newspaper.

This, according to decisions of the Government, puts Smedley in the category of contract laborers. But there are other of contract laborers. But there are other features of his case that, Mr. Devery declares, may enable him to stay here. There are no expert weavers in America competent to teach apprentices the art and, Mr. Devery says, the sending back of Smedley would be a loss to an American industry that should be promoted. Mr. Devery says that the union weavers who complained against Smedley and caused his arrest are unable themselves to teach the art of weaving. He offered all of them big money to do so and all declined to undertake the task.

Mr. Devery hopes to persuade the Government to let Smedley stay, because he will assist in teaching the young American industry that should be promoted. Mr. Devery who will otherwise pine all summer in stuffy tenements and hot, crowded asphalt streets. Mention your choice, as many as you please. Your \$2.50 for each, one week will make the above exchange if sent to R. s. MINTURN. Treasurer Room 211. No. 105 E. 224 Street

N. Y. ASSOCIATION for IMPROVING the Working how to weave. The case has been sent to Washington for decision.

50c.—Fielding's Amelia, Joseph Andrews, Smc lett's Pere grine Pickle, Roderick Random. PRAT 161 6th av .

DELLA FOX SERIOUSLY ILL. Actress Stricken With Peritonitis While Playing in Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 22.-Madge Fox of New York was rushed to Pittsburg to-day to take the place of Della Fox, who has been playing at a local theatre but who was taken seriously ill here yesterday with peritonitis. Dr. Melligan, at the Hotel Lincoln, who has charge of Miss Fox's case, says she is in a serious condition.

# Sick Room Air